

FEMA Awards Funds for Spring Creek and Chateau Wildfire Response

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DENVER – FEMA has awarded \$2.3 million to the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (CDFPC) to cover costs of fighting the Spring Creek and Chateau wildfires that impacted portions of Colorado in late June of 2018. The funds are provided by FEMA's Public Assistance program under Fire Management Assistance declarations for Colorado issued on June 28 and 30, 2018, in response to the wildfires.

- The Spring Creek wildfire began in Costilla and Huerfano counties on June 27, 2018. The fire burned 108,000 acres and destroyed 140 buildings. The FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant for the Spring Creek wildfire reimburses CDFPC \$1.02 million in costs incurred to fight the wildfire including the cost of firefighters, EMTs, communications technicians, firefighting equipment, and helicopters.
- The Chateau wildfire began on June 29, 2018, in Teller County burning over 1,400 acres and destroying eight homes. FEMA awarded CDFPC \$1.3 million in Fire Management Assistance Grant funds to cover the cost of fire suppression activities including the cost of providing firefighting personnel, air tankers, helicopters, and equipment.

The FEMA grants represent the 75 percent federal cost share made available under the Fire Management Assistance Grant declarations.

For more information on FEMA's Fire Management Assistance Grants, visit <https://www.fema.gov/fire-management-assistance-grants-program-details>. Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found at www.fema.gov/assistance/public.

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